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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-101, relative to assaults upon law enforcement officers, correctional officers, firefighters, and other governmental employees and their immediate families.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-101(a), is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (2), by deleting the language and punctuation "provocative." at the end of subdivision (3), by substituting instead the language and punctuation "provocative; or", and by adding the following new language to be designated as subdivision (4):

(4)

(A) Intentionally or knowingly threatens or causes a law enforcement officer, firefighter, correctional officer, youth services officer, probations officer, parole officer, a state registered security officer/guard performing an official duty, an employee of the department of correction or the department of children's services, or members of such persons' immediate family, to fear imminent or future bodily harm.

(B) Any sentence for a violation of this subdivision, whether as a result of a conviction or a guilty plea, shall be served consecutively to any other sentence served

for any other offense committed by the guilty party, or shall be served consecutively with any sentence currently being served by the guilty party at the time of the violation of this subdivision.

(C) For purposes of this subdivision, the word “threat” means a declaration of intention to injure another by an act punishable as a criminal offense.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.